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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 March 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 March 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. This application has no priority claim made. The filing date is 12/12/2001.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-4, 11-12, 14-15 and 41-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kar et al., (An Architecture for Managing Application Services over Global Networks), hereinafter referred as Kar.

- a. Regarding claim 1, Kar disclosed a method for collecting information on components in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: discovering the existence of at least one of the components in the IT system (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph- page 3, left column, 1st paragraph: MLM); determining at least one dependency between two or more of the components (page 3, right column, 3rd-5th paragraphs: Dependency Analysis for Service Management); and tracking changes to at least one of the components and the dependency between two or more of the components (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph- page 3, left column, 1st paragraph: MLM; page 5, right column, 2nd paragraph- page 6, left column, 4th paragraph: Application Service Agents, Resource Broker and Resource Directory).

- b. Regarding claim 2, Kar disclosed the method of claim 1, further comprising generating A visual map of the IT system, the visual map including A depiction of at least one of the components and the at least one dependency between two or more of the components (Fig. 4; page 4, left column, 2nd paragraph: Dependency Graph; page 5, left column, last paragraph, and right column, last paragraph-page 6, left column, 1st paragraph).
- c. Regarding claim 3, Kar disclosed the method of claim 2, wherein the visual map includes tracked changes to at least one of the components (page 5, right column, last paragraph-page 6, left column, 1st paragraph).
- d. Regarding claim 4, Kar disclosed the method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the components is an application (page 5, right column, 2nd paragraph-page 6, left column, 1st paragraph: Application Service Agents).
- e. Regarding claim 11, Kar disclosed the method of claim 1, wherein the at least one dependency is selected from the group consisting of shared library usage, network usage, and containment dependencies (page 3, right column, 4th-last paragraphs: DNS, NFS, IP service, PVC, network components, servers and applications).
- f. Regarding claim 12, Kar disclosed the method of claim 1, further comprising: generating A component discovered message upon the discovery of one of the components; retrieving A list of elements to track for the discovered component; and using the list of elements to track changes to the discovered component (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph, 1st-3rd bullets).

- g. Regarding claim 14, Kar disclosed a system for collecting information on components in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: means for discovering the existence of at least one of the components in the IT system (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph- page 3, left column, 1st paragraph: MLM); means for determining at least one dependency between two or more of the components (page 5, right column, 2nd paragraph-page 6, left column, 4th paragraph: Application Service Agents, Resource Broker and Resource Directory); and means for tracking changes to at least one of the components and the dependency between two or more of the components (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph- page 3, left column, 1st paragraph: MLM; page 5, right column, 2nd paragraph-page 6, left column, 4th paragraph: Application Service Agents, Resource Broker and Resource Directory).
- h. Regarding claim 15, Kar disclosed an apparatus for collecting information on components in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: A memory storing A program; A processor in communication with the memory; in which the processor is directed by the program to: discover the existence of at least one of the components in the IT system (page 5, right column, last paragraph-page 6, left column, 1st paragraph: Application Service Agent discovers resource through MLMs); determine at least one dependency between two or more of the components (page 5, left column, last paragraph); and track changes to at least one of the components and the dependency between two or more of the components (page 5, right column, 3rd paragraph-page 6, left column, 4th paragraph: Application Service Agent keeps track resources through MLMs, Resource Brokers and Resource Directory).

- i. Regarding claim 41, Kar disclosed a method for tracking content changes to A component in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: generating an event message for an occurrence in the IT system, the occurrence relating to the component (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph, 2nd and 4th bullets); if contents are to be tracked for the component, comparing current contents of the component with A previous version of the contents of the component (Fig. 3: Management Platform; page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph, 3rd^d and 4th bullets; page 5, 2nd paragraph- page 6, 4th paragraph: Application Service Agents works with Resource Broker and Resource Directory); and logging differences between the CURRENT contents of the component and the previous version of contents of the component (Fig. 3: Management Platform; page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph, 3rd^d and 4th bullets: MLMs, application service agents work with Resource Broker and Resource Directory).
- j. Regarding claim 42, Kar disclosed the method of claim 41, further comprising: generating A command to copy the current contents of the component; and in response to the command, receiving the current contents of the component (Fig. 3: Management Platform; page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph, 3rd^d and 4th bullets: MLMs, application service agents work with Resource Broker and Resource Directory).
- k. Regarding claim 43, Kar disclosed an apparatus for tracking content changes to A component in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: A memory storing A program (page 5, 2nd paragraph: Application service agents); A processor in

communication with the memory (page 5, 2nd paragraph: Application service agents); in which the processor is directed by the program to: generate an event message for an occurrence in the IT system, the occurrence relating to the component (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph, 2nd and 4th bullets; page 5, 2nd paragraph and last bullet item: Application service agents work through MLMs); if contents are to be tracked for the component, compare current contents of the component with A previous version of the contents of the component (Fig. 3: Management Platform; page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph, 3rd and 4th bullets; page 5, 2nd paragraph- page 6, 4th paragraph: Application Service Agents works with Resource Broker and Resource Directory); and log differences between the current contents of the component and the previous version of contents of the component (Fig. 3: Management Platform; page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph, 3rd and 4th bullets: MLMs, application service agents work with Resource Broker and Resource Directory).

1. Regarding claim 44, Kar disclosed a system for collecting information on components in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: A plurality of agents (Fig. 6; page 5, right column, section D: Application Management Architecture), wherein each agent resides on A computer of the IT system, and wherein each agent includes instructions to: (A) discover components in the IT system (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph- page 3, left column, 1st paragraph: MLM), (B) determine at least one dependency between two or more of the discovered components (page 3, right column, 3rd-5th paragraphs: Dependency Analysis for Service Management), and (C) track changes to the discovered components and the dependency between two or

more of the discovered components (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph- page 3, left column, 1st paragraph: MLM; page 5, right column, 2nd paragraph-page 6, left column, 4th paragraph: Application Service Agents, Resource Broker and Resource Directory); and A network server in communication with the plurality of agents, wherein the network server includes instructions to receive component detection messages from the agents and generate A visual map of the discovered components (Fig. 4; page 4, left column, 2nd paragraph: Dependency Graph; page 5, left column, last paragraph, and right column, last paragraph-page 6, left column, 1st paragraph).

Kar disclosed all limitations of claims 1-4, 11-12, 14-15 and 41-44. Claims 1-4, 11-12, 14-15 and 41-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a).

3. Claims 30-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Keller et al. (Dynamic Dependencies in Application Service Management), hereinafter referred as Keller.

- a. Regarding claim 30, Keller disclosed a method for determining dependencies between at least two components in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: discovering the at least two components in the IT system (page 6, right column, 1st paragraph: MLMs); monitoring the usage of resources by the two components in the IT system and, if A resource is used by one of the two components, generating A message indicating the use of that resource by that component (page 6, right column, 1st paragraph: MLMs); accumulating each message indicating the use of one of the resources by one of the two components (page 6, right column, 3rd paragraph-page 7, left column, 1st paragraph: application service agent); and if the accumulated messages indicate that the two components use the same

resource, then indicating that A dependency between the two components has been detected (page 5, right column, 4th column; page 6, right column, 3rd paragraph-page 7, left column, 1st paragraph: application service agent).

- b. Regarding claim 31, Keller disclosed the method of claim 30, further comprising determining A direction of the dependency between the two components (page 2, left column, 2nd paragraph, item 1).
- c. Regarding claim 32, Keller disclosed the method of claim 30, wherein the component is selected from the group consisting of an application, A network connection ENDPOINT, and A server (Fig. 1; page 2, left column, 1st paragraph and 2nd paragraph, item 1; page 6, right column, 1st paragraph).
- d. Regarding claim 33, Keller disclosed the method of claim 32, wherein at least one message indicates A network OUTBOUND connection by one of the two components (Fig. 1; page 2, left column, 1st paragraph and 2nd paragraph, item 1; page 6, right column, 1st paragraph).
- e. Regarding claim 34, Keller disclosed the method of claim 32, wherein at least one message indicates A network listener by one of the two components (Fig. 1; page 2, left column, 1st paragraph and 2nd paragraph, item 1; page 6, right column, 1st paragraph).
- f. Regarding claim 35, Keller disclosed the method of claim 32, wherein at least one message indicates A use of A file by one of the two components (Fig. 1; page 2, left column, 1st paragraph and 2nd paragraph, item 1; page 3, right column: Component Type and Component Activity).

- g. Regarding claim 36, Keller disclosed the method of claim 30, further comprising tracking changes to the dependency between the two components (page 6, right column, 1st paragraph-page 7, left column, 6th paragraph: MLMs, Application Service Agent, Resource Broker and Resource Directory).
- h. Regarding claim 37, Keller disclosed the method of claim 30, wherein the dependency is A containment dependency (Fig. 1; page 2, left column, 1st paragraph and 2nd paragraph, item 1; page 3, right column: Component Type and Component Activity: file and file system).
- i. Regarding claim 38, Keller disclosed the method of claim 30, wherein the dependency is A network dependency (Fig. 1; page 2, left column, 1st paragraph and 2nd paragraph, item 1; page 6, right column, 1st paragraph).
- j. Regarding claim 39, Keller disclosed the method of claim 30, wherein the dependency is A shared usage dependency (Fig. 1, IP Provider and Network Provider; page 2, left column, 1st paragraph and 2nd paragraph, item 1).
- k. Regarding claim 40, Keller disclosed an apparatus for determining dependencies between at least two components in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: A memory storing A program (page 6, right column, 2nd paragraph: application service agent); A processor in communication with the memory (page 6, right column, 2nd paragraph: application service agent); in which the processor is directed by the program to: discover the at least two components in the IT system (page 6, right column, 1st paragraph-page 7, left column, 6th paragraph: application service agent work through MLM, Resource Broker and Resource Directory);

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monitor the usage of resources by the two components in the IT system and, if A resource is used by one of the two components, generating A message indicating the use of that resource by that component (page 6, right column, 1st paragraph-page 7, left column, 1st paragraph: application service agent work through MLM); accumulate each message indicating the use of one of the resources by one of the two components (page 6, right column, 3rd paragraph-page 7, left column, 1st paragraph: application service agent); and if the accumulated messages indicate that the two components use the same resource, then indicate that A dependency between the two components has been detected (page 5, right column, 4th column; page 6, right column, 3rd paragraph-page 7, left column, 1st paragraph: application service agent).

Keller disclosed all limitations of claims 30-40. Claims 30-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kar et al., (An Architecture for Managing Application Services over Global Networks), hereinafter referred as Kar as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Kathrow, et al. (US 6393438 B1), hereinafter referred as Kathrow.

- a. As quoted from paragraph 2, item a, Kar shows a method for collecting information on components in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: discovering the existence of at least one of the components in the IT system (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph- page 3, left column, 1st paragraph: MLM); determining at least one dependency between two or more of the components (page 3, right column, 3rd-5th paragraphs: Dependency Analysis for Service Management); and tracking changes to at least one of the components and the dependency between two or more of the components (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph- page 3, left column, 1st paragraph: MLM; page 5, right column, 2nd paragraph-page 6, left column, 4th paragraph: Application Service Agents, Resource Broker and Resource Directory). Kar does not shows wherein discovering the existence of at least one of the components includes: receiving event information regarding an occurrence in the IT system, the occurrence relating to A first component; comparing the first component along with other components to at least one fingerprint, wherein the fingerprint represents key low-level elements of A model of A known component; and determining that at least one of the components exists when all of the elements of the fingerprint corresponding to the known component are matched; wherein the occurrence is selected from one or more of A file creation, A file deletion, and A file modification; wherein the occurrence is selected from one or more of A registry key creation, A REGISTRY key deletion, and A registry key modification; wherein the occurrence is information regarding detection of A particular component in the IT system; further comprising indicating that A particular component has been damaged if the occurrence is A

deletion and at least one of the elements of the fingerprint arc no longer matched by the components in the IT system; and further comprising indicating that A particular component has been UNINSTALLED if the occurrence is A deletion and all of the elements of A minimum set of the fingerprint arc no longer matched by the components in the IT system.

- b. Kathrow shows wherein discovering the existence of at least one of the components includes: receiving event information regarding an occurrence in the IT system, the occurrence relating to A first component (Fig. 2, item 252; column 4, line 7-18); comparing the first component along with other components to at least one fingerprint, wherein the fingerprint represents key low-level elements of A model of A known component (Fig. 4, item 432; column 11, line 49-59); and determining that at least one of the components exists when all of the elements of the fingerprint corresponding to the known component are matched (Fig. 4, item 440; column 11, line 59-62); wherein the occurrence is selected from one or more of A file creation, A file deletion, and A file modification (column 4, line 60-65); wherein the occurrence is selected from one or more of A registry key creation, A REGISTRY key deletion, and A registry key modification (column 4, line 60-65); wherein the occurrence is information regarding detection of A particular component in the IT system (column 4, line 60-65); further comprising indicating that A particular component has been damaged if the occurrence is A deletion and at least one of the elements of the fingerprint arc no longer matched by the components in the IT system (Fig. 4, item 436; column 4, line 60-65; column 11, line 62-64; column 14, line 8-15); and further

comprising indicating that A particular component has been UNINSTALLED if the occurrence is A deletion and all of the elements of A minimum set of the fingerprint arc no longer matched by the components in the IT system (Fig. 4, item 436; column 4, line 60-65; column 11, line 62-64; column 14, line 8-15) in an analogous art for the purpose of identifying the existence of differences between two files based upon the fingerprints.

- c. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Kar's Mid-level manger to include Kathrow's identifying the difference of two files based upon the fingerprint, including device descriptors.
- d. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to incorporate the file/device record updates base upon the hash technologies, i.e. fingerprint/digital signature, to improve the security and performance of configuration management.

Together Kar and Kathrow disclosed all limitations of claims 5-10. Claims 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kar et al., (An Architecture for Managing Application Services over Global Networks), hereinafter referred as Kar, in view of Kathrow, et al. (US 6393438 B1), hereinafter referred as Kathrow.

- a. Kar shows an agent for collecting information on components in an information technology (IT) system, the agent residing on A computer in the IT system, the agent comprising: an observer module to detect event information about elements of the

computer (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph, 2nd bullet: MLM); and an analysis module to process the event information, the analysis module including: (A) component discovery rules to process event information and using an accumulator to discover the existence on the IT system of at least one of the components (page 2, right column, 2nd paragraph, 2nd bullet: MLM; page 5, right column, 2nd paragraph- page 6, left column, 4th paragraph: Application Service Agents, Resource Broker and Resource Directory), and (B) dependency discovery rules to detect relationships between components of the IT system (page 5, left column, last paragraph). Kar does not shows matching event information with elements of one or more fingerprints of known components.

- b. Kathrow shows matching event information with elements of one or more fingerprints of known components (Fig. 4, items 432 and 440; column 11, line 49-62) in an analogous art for the purpose of identifying the existence of differences between two files based upon the fingerprints.
- c. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Kar's Mid-level manger to include Kathrow's identifying the difference of two files based upon the fingerprint, including device descriptors.
- d. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to incorporate the file/device record updates base upon the hash technologies, i.e. fingerprint/digital signature, to improve the security and performance of configuration management.

Together Kar and Kathrow disclosed all limitations of claim 13. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 16-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kathrow, et al. (US 6393438 B1), hereinafter referred as Kathrow, in view of Kar et al., (An Architecture for Managing Application Services over Global Networks), hereinafter referred as Kar.

- a. Regarding claims 16, 23 and 24, Kathrow shows a method, a computer-readable medium storing instructions that direct A microprocessor, and an apparatus with memory containing a program and a processor executing the program for discovering components in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: receiving event information regarding an occurrence in the IT system, the occurrence relating to A first component (Fig. 2, item 252; column 4, line 7-18); comparing the first component along with other components to at least one fingerprint, wherein the fingerprint represents key low-level elements of A model of A known component (Fig. 4, item 432 and 440; column 11, line 49-62). Kathrow also shows (column 4, 1st paragraph; column 11, line 62-64) a single file could be divided into multiple files. Kathrow does not show if the first component and the other discovered components match substantially all of the key low-level elements of the fingerprint, using A SUBFINGERPRINT of A known refined component to discover the existence of A second component that corresponds to the known refined component. Kar shows (page 5, left column, last paragraph, and right column, last paragraph-page 6, left column, 1st paragraph) as a result of static analysis, the resource dependency graph

could be constructed in an analogous art for the purpose of determining the resource dependency in the application service management.

- b. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Kathrow's file comparison based upon the fingerprint method to include a further depending file (refined component) comparison through an application control (Fig. 2, item 252; column 4, line 16-18) via the result of fingerprint comparison (Fig. 2, item 254; Fig. 4, item 440; column 11, line 59-64) to further ensure all the dependent files as suggested (column 4, 1st paragraph; column 11, line 62-64) will be compared based upon fingerprints.
- c. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to fingerprint check not only one file out of multiple files that were from the division out of a single file, but multiple files to the integrity of a file (all divided files or associated resources).
- d. Regarding claim 17, Kathrow shows the method of claim 16, wherein the known refined component is A version of the known component (column 10, line 16-20).
- e. Regarding claim 18, Kathrow shows the method of claim 16, wherein the known refined component is an optional piece of the known component (column 12, line 6-21).
- f. Regarding claim 19, Kathrow shows the method of claim 16, further comprising generating A command message to collect further information if all of the low-level elements of the fingerprint are matched (column 11, line 59-62).

- g. Regarding claim 20, Kathrow shows the method of claim 19, further comprising receiving event information in response to the command message, wherein the event information is used with the SUBFINGERPRINT of the known refined component to discover the existence of the second component (Fig. 2, item 252 and 254; column 4, line 7-18).
- h. Regarding claim 21, Kathrow shows the method of claim 16, further comprising detecting low-level items in the IT systems and generating event information regarding the low-level items (Kar, page 5, left column, last paragraph, and right column, last paragraph-page 6, left column, 1st paragraph; Kathrow, Fig. 2, item 252; column 4, line 7-18).
- i. Regarding claim 22, Kathrow shows the method of claim 21, wherein the low-level items are selected from one or more of files, registry settings, and DATABASE schemas (column 3, line 59-62).

Together Kathrow and Kar disclosed all limitations of claims 16-24. Claims 16-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

7. Claims 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kathrow, et al. (US 6393438 B1), hereinafter referred as Kathrow, in view of Kar et al., (An Architecture for Managing Application Services over Global Networks), hereinafter referred as Kar.

- a. Regarding claims 25 and 27, Kathrow shows a method for managing components in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: receiving A first event message for A FIRST occurrence in the IT system, the first occurrence relating to A first component (Fig. 2, item 252; column 4, line 7-18); if the first component matches at

least one low-level element of A fingerprint of A model of A known component, adding the first component to an accumulator (Fig. 4: dash line; column 5, line 45-53: REPEAT; column 11, line 14-21: REPEAT). Kathrow also shows (column 4, 1st paragraph; column 11, line 62-64) a single file could be divided into multiple files. Kathrow does not show if all of the low-level elements of the fingerprint have been matched by the first component and other components, generating A command to detect further information; receiving, in response to the command, A second event message providing further details about one of the components; and using A SUBFINGERPRINT of A known refined component and the further details about one of the components to discover A refined component; and further comprising: generating A component detected message upon the discovery of the refined component; retrieving A list of elements to track for the refined component; and using the list of elements to track changes to the refined component. Kar shows (page 5, left column, last paragraph, and right column, last paragraph-page 6, left column, 1st paragraph) as a result of static analysis, the resource dependency graph could be constructed in an analogous art for the purpose of determining the resource dependency in the application service management.

- b. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Kathrow's file comparison based upon the fingerprint method to include a further depending file (refined components) comparison through an application control (Fig. 2, item 252; column 4, line 16-18) via the result of fingerprint comparison (Fig. 2, item 254; Fig. 4, item 440; column 11, line 59-64) to

ensure all the dependent files as suggested (column 4, 1st paragraph; column 11, line 62-64) will be compared based upon fingerprints; and to store a list of dependent files as per Kar's dependency graph suggested to further ensure all dependent files would be finger print checked.

- c. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to fingerprint check not only one file out of multiple files that were from the division out of a single file, but all multiple files to ensure the integrity of a file (all divided files or associated resources).
- d. Regarding claim 26, Kathrow shows the method of claim 25, wherein the first occurrence is one of A file creation, file deletion, file modification, registry key creation, registry key modification, and registry key deletion (column 4, line 60-65).

Together Kathrow and Kar disclosed all limitations of claims 25-27. Claims 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

8. Claims 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kathrow, et al. (US 6393438 B1), hereinafter referred as Kathrow, in view of Kar et al., (An Architecture for Managing Application Services over Global Networks), hereinafter referred as Kar.

- a. Regarding claim 28, Kathrow shows a method for discovery of A refined component in an information technology (IT) system, comprising: using A fingerprint of A model of A known component to discover an existing component in the IT system by matching passive elements in the fingerprint with event information of the IT system (Fig. 4, item 432 and 404; column 11, line 49-62). Kathrow also shows (column 4, 1st paragraph; column 11, line 62-64) a single file could be divided into multiple files

and signal (event message) input/output generation via application (Fig. 2, item 252 and 254; column 4, line 7-18). Kathrow does not show generating and transmitting A command message defined by active elements of the fingerprint to discover the refined component; receiving event information relating to the active elements of the fingerprint of the known component; and using A SUBFINGERPRINT of the refined component to discover the refined component, the refined component relating to the known component, wherein the SUBFINGERPRINT of the refined component becomes active upon the discovery of the existing component using the fingerprint. Kar shows (page 5, left column, last paragraph, and right column, last paragraph-page 6, left column, 1st paragraph) as a result of static analysis, the resource dependency graph could be constructed in an analogous art for the purpose of determining the resource dependency in the application service management.

- b. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Kathrow's file comparison based upon the fingerprint method to include a further depending file (refined components) comparison through an application control (Fig. 2, item 252 and 254; column 4, line 7-18) via the result of fingerprint comparison (Fig. 2, item 254; Fig. 4, item 440; column 11, line 59-64) to ensure all the dependent files as suggested (column 4, 1st paragraph; column 11, line 62-64) will be compared based upon fingerprints.
- c. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to fingerprint check not only one file out of multiple files

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that were from the division out of a single file, but all multiple files to ensure the integrity of a file (all divided files or associated resources).

- d. Regarding claim 29, Kathrow shows the method of claim 28, wherein receiving event information relating to active elements includes receiving an event message (Fig. 2, item 252 and 254; column 4, line 7-18: signal).

Together Kathrow and Kar disclosed all limitations of claims 28-29. Claims 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Conclusion


9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Refer to the enclosed PTO-892 for details.

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